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UNUSUAL PREY OF LIZARD BUZZARD *KAUJIFALCO MONOGRAMMICUS*

Brown et al. (1982) summarize the diet of the Lizard Buzzard as consisting mainly of insects and small reptiles, amphibians and mammals; molluscs, arachnids and small birds are also occasionally taken. The following observation, submitted in response to requests for data for the Kenyan bird atlas (Lewis & Pomeroy in prep.), therefore appears highly unusual.

On 21 December 1982, while driving through plantations along the southern side of the entrance of Kilifi Creek (3.39S, 39.52E) in coastal Kenya, E. Culwick and G.G. Gynn flushed a Lizard Buzzard that was feeding on a White-browed Coucal *Centropus superciliosus* on the track. The raptor was heavily burdened by this unusually large prey, and just managed to fly with it to the low branch of a nearby tree, where it continued feeding; clear views in this exposed position allowed positive identification of both species. In view of the coucal's somewhat sluggish habits and the fact that the two birds were first observed on a motorable track, the slight possibility must remain that the raptor did not actually kill this large prey but found it as a recent road-kill; however, the standard reference literature makes no mention of the Lizard Buzzard taking already dead items.

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